Drift of Polluted Clouds over India may cause Cancer

*208. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the drift of the polluted clouds over India from the Gulf area are likely to pose a danger of increase in the incidence of cancer in India;

(b) if so, whether any remedial steps are being taken in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI M. L. FOTEDAR): (a) to (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

(a) There is no scientific evidence to conclude that the drift of polluted clouds over India from Gulf area may increase the incidence of cancer in India.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Action Plan for the Welfare of Children and Women

*209. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Department of Women and Child Welfare has launched any action plan for the welfare, care and nutritious feeding of preschool children and to impart nutrition education to women, particularly in rural areas of States like Rajasthan and Orissa during the current financial year;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and expenditure proposed to be incurred this year, State-wise;

(c) what is the number of Government/Voluntary agencies engaged in this task at present; and

(d) what is the proposed assistance to be provided to each such agency this year in the two States as mentioned above?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

(a) The Department of Women and Child Development is implementing through State Governments and Voluntary Organisations, schemes on these subecjts in the country including in the States of Orissa and Rajasthan. The details regarding these two States are as follows:—

PART—I : Details relating to Rajasthan :

S. No.	Name of Scheme	No. of Centrally sponsored projects/ Centres	No. of Beneficiaries (in lakhs)		Amount proposed to be spent during 1991-92 (Rs. in crores)
			Children	Mothers	
1	Integrated Child Development Services	109 projects	5.65	1.01	12.37
2	Balwadi Nutrition Programme	208 Centres	0.08		0.18
3	Creche/Day Care Centre	697 Centres	0.17 (Children & Mothers)		0.89
4	Wheat-based Nutrition Programme	—	0.66		0.99

PART—II : Details relating to Orissa

1	Integrated Child Development Services Scheme (including World Bank assisted ICDS Programme)	176 projects	7.16	1.20	44.27
2	Balwadi Nutrition Programme .	217 Centres	0.09		0.19
3	Creche/Day Care Centres .	617 Centres	0.15 (Children & Mothers)	0.78	
4	Wheat-based Nutrition Programme —		4.26		6.39

(b) The major Schemes are Integ- rated Child Development Services (ICDS) Schemes, the Creche/Day Care Centres Scheme, the Balwadi Nutrition Programme. The services of 67 field units of Food and Nutrition Board are also being utilised for better Nutrition Education. The details of the expenditure State-wise on these schemes of the Department are as follows:—

S. No.	Name of the State/U.T.	Amount (Rs. in lakhs) likely to be sent during the year 1991-92			
		I.C.D.S.	B.N.P.	Creches/ Day Care Centres	Wheat-based Nuarition Programme
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	Andhra Pradesh	4057.88	20.00	130.76	21.00
2	Arunachal Pradesh	178.73	4.00	5.60	..
3	Assam	731.90	17.00	19.99	125.00
4	Bihar	2407.30	13.00	62.64	81.00
5	Goa	139.85	4.00	4.46	3.00
6	Gujarat	1777.66	20.00	96.13	55.50
7	Haryana	428.05	10.00	47.03	115.50
8	Himachal Pradesh	346.88	3.00	90.966	49.5
9	Jammu Kashmir	317.56	2.00	15.79	..

1	2	3	4	5	6
10	Karnataka	1184.01	21.00	68.63	172.50
11	Kerala	890.83	15.00	88.87	..
12	Madhya Pradesh	1840.49	24.61	141.78	57.00
13	Manipur	199.39	6.00	18.58	..
14	Maharashtra	2397.72	53.00	148.58	943.50
15	Meghalaya	173.06	5.00	16.30	4.50
16	Mizoram	233.15	4.00	12.99	..
17	Nagaland	235.09	2.00	..	..
18	Orissa	4427.36	18.87	78.56	639.00
19	Punjab	597.80	8.00	22.79	..
20	Rajasthan	1256.84	18.09	88.74	99.00
21	Sikkim	53.87	..	15.28	..
22	Tamil Nadu	1145.63	13.00	113.31	180.00
23	Tripura	110.95	11.00	20.50	..
24	Uttar Pradesh	2387.22	28.00	112.68	220.00
25	West Bengal	1631.31	16.00	65.57	15.00
26	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	27.75	..	50.60	..
27	Chandigarh	24.34	6.00	3.69	..
28	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	12.88	0.35	1.15	6.00
29	Daman & Diu	8.11	..	..	4.50
30	Delhi	378.89	12.00	35.90	..
31	Lakshadweep	6.51	..	1.53	..
32	Pondicherry	70.99	0.08	8.91	16.50

(c) and (d) The information regarding the number of Government/ major voluntary agencies engaged for undertaking this work and the proposed assistance to them during 1991-92 in the States of Rajasthan and Orissa is as follows:—

Sl No.	Voluntary organisations	Rajasthan		Orissa	
		Balwadi Nutrition Programme	Creche	Balwadi Nutrition Programme	Creche
		(Rs. in lakhs)			
1	Central Social Welfare Board, New Delhi	14.44	85.31	13.40	61.2
2	Indian Council for Child Welfare, New Delhi	0.17	..	0.08	7.26
3	Bharatiya Adivasi Sevak Sangh, New Delhi	0.52	3.43	3.74	10.18
4	Harijan Sevak Sangh, Delhi	1.57	..	0.78	..
5	Kasturba Gandhi National Memorial Trust, endor	1.39	..	0.87	..
		18.09	88.74	18.87	78.56

The information regarding programme being implemented directly by the State Government i.e. ICDS has been given in part (b) of the answer.

Encouraging Translation from Sanskrit to other Indian languages

*210. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that one Shri Ganga Nath Jha of Kendriya Sanskrit Vidyapeeth, Allahabad has recently brought out a Punjabi-Sanskrit Kosh;

(b) whether Government propose to encourage such publications in other Indian languages so as to promote national integration;

(c) whether Government also propose to bring out publications containing Scientific terms and their equivalent in Sanskrit;

(d) if so, whether Government have assigned this work to any institution;

(e) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(f) the quantum of financial aid proposed to be given to that institution?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRIES OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE & COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government has made provision in the scheme of financial assistance for publication in Indian languages and English to encourage such publications and to promote the cause of national integration.

(c) At present there is no separate scheme under consideration for encouraging publication containing scientific terms and their equivalence in Sanskrit. The above scheme also covers such publications.

(d) to (f) Do not arise.

Scrapping of jute packaging order

*211. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to scrap the Jute Packaging Order; and